

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

§ 170.802

17. Participating in BIA/tribal training development highway safety, work zone safety, etc.;

18. Participating in special workgroups, task forces, and meetings as requested by tribes and BIA region/agency personnel;

19. Participating in national, regional, or local transportation organizations meetings and workshops;

20. Reviewing Coordinated Technology Implementation Program project proposals;

21. Consulting with tribal governments on non-project related program issues;

22. Funding costs for common services as provided as part of BIA IRR region/agency/contracting support costs;

23. Reviewing IRR Atlas maps;

24. Processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests;

25. Monitoring the obligation and expenditure of all IRR Program funds allocated to BIA region;

26. Performing activities related to the application for ERFO funds, administration, and oversight of such funds; and

27. Participating in IRR Program, process, and product reviews.

O. BIA regional offices' planning:

1. Coordinating with tribal/State/regional/local government;

2. Coordinating and processing the funding and repair of damaged Indian Reservation Roads with tribes;

3. Reviewing and approving IRR Inventory data;

4. Maintaining, reviewing, and approving the management systems databases;

5. Reviewing and approving IRR State transportation improvement programs; and

6. Performing Federal responsibilities identified in the IRR Transportation Planning Procedures and Guidelines manual.

P. BIA regional offices' engineering:

1. Approving tribal standards for the IRR Program use;

2. Developing and implementing new engineering techniques in the IRR Program; and

3. Providing technical assistance.

Q. BIA regional offices' responsibilities for bridges:

1. Reviewing and processing IRR bridge program applications;

2. Reviewing and processing IRR bridge inspection reports and information; and

3. Ensuring the safe use of roads and bridges.

R. BIA regional offices' other responsibilities for performing other non-contractible required IRR Program activities contained in this part.

Subpart F—Program Oversight and Accountability

§ 170.700 What is the IRR Program stewardship plan?

The IRR Program stewardship plan delineates the respective roles and responsibilities of BIA and FHWA in the administration of the IRR Program and the process used for fulfilling those roles and responsibilities.

§ 170.701 May a direct service tribe and BIA Region sign a Memorandum of Understanding?

Yes. An IRR Program tribal/BIA region MOU is a document that a direct service tribe and BIA may enter into to help define the roles, responsibilities and consultation process between the regional BIA office and the Indian tribal government. It describes how the IRR Program will be carried out by BIA on the tribe's behalf.

§ 170.702 What activities may the Secretary review and monitor?

The Secretary reviews and monitors the performance of construction activities under 25 CFR 900 subpart J and 25 CFR 1000 subpart K.

Subpart G—BIA Road Maintenance

§ 170.800 Who owns IRR transportation facilities?

Public authorities such as tribes, States, counties, local governments, and the Federal Government own IRR transportation facilities.

§ 170.801 What is the BIA Road Maintenance Program?

The BIA Road Maintenance Program covers the distribution and use of the funds provided by Congress in the annual Department of the Interior appropriations acts for maintaining transportation facilities. Appendix A to this subpart contains a list of activities that are eligible for funding under the BIA road maintenance program.

§ 170.802 How is road maintenance funded?

(a) The U.S. Congress funds a BIA program for the maintenance of IRR transportation facilities as defined in